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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT STUDENTS BRAWL

1. THREE POLICEMEN AND SEVEN CYPRIOT STUDENTS WERE INJURED IN A BRAWL BETWEEN PRO-MAKARIOS AND PRO-EOKA FACTIONS OUTSIDE DOWNTOWN ATHENS OFFICE OF CYPRIOT SUTDENTS UNION EVENING OF OCTOBER 23. STRUGGLE WAS TOUCHED OFF BY ATTEMPT OF PRO-MAKARIOS GROUP TO OCCUPY HEADQUARTERS. IN LINE WITH MINIMUM FORCE POLICY, ATHENS' POLICE DID NOT INTERVENE UNTIL CROWD OF SEVERAL HUNDRED, INCLUDING SEVERAL BOYS WIELDING PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVERS, SPILLED INTO STREETS WITH INCIPIENT SIGNS OF GANG WARFARE ERUPTING. ARRIVAL OF FIRETRUCKS WITH THREAT TO HOSE CROWN AND INTERVENTION OF POLICE BROKE UP MELEE. NO ARRESTS ANNOUNCED.

2. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION INTO INCIDENT AND REPEATED SEVER'S WARNING THAT IT CONDEMNED SUCH DEVELOPMENTS AND WOULD MERCILESSLY PUNISH EVERY VIOLENT ACT THAT ABOLISHES JUSTICE AND DEMOCRATIC LEGALITY AND ENDANGERS SMOOTH STUDENT ELECTIONS.

3. IN RELATED CAMPUS MATTER, GOG RELEASED NEMES OF TEN
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MORE SENIOR PROFESSORS WHO ARE RELIEVED OF DUTIES

UNTIL THEY APPEAR BEFORE SPECIAL DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL.
THUS FOR ONLY ABOUT 35 PROFESSORS HAVE BEEN SO DISCIPLINED
ALTHOUGH FACULTY MEMBERS' FEAR THAT MORE THAN HUNDRED WILL
BE INVOLVED CONTINUES TO SOUR MORALE. GOG IS PROCEEDING
SLOWLY ON THESE CLEARANCES ARGUING THAT DEJUNTIZATION MUST
BE THOROUGH AND, FURTHER, THAT IT IS IN INTEREST OF ALL
PROFESSORS TO HAVE RECORDS AIRED AND EVALUATED FULLY SINCE
STUDENT ACTIVISTS HAVE THREATENED TO DISRUPT OR BOYCOTT
CLASSES CONDUCTED BY SUSPECT TEACHERS.
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